(a) whether the Government propose to review the cadre management of Central Secretariat Services and to send back the Non-Central Secretariat Services staff brought on deputation to the CSS posts to avoid stagnation in the cadre;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The officers belonging to Services other than the Central Secretariat Service have been appointed for the prescribed period of tenure under the Central Staffing Scheme. It would, therefore, not be feasible to revert them to their cadres prematurely.

Extradition of Nadeem Akhtar

169. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report asking for the extradition of music director Nadeem Akhtar from London has been received from the Government of Maharashtra as reported in 'Times of India' Mumbai, dated October 21, 1997 under the caption 'Report Seeking Nadeem's extradition is sent to Delhi';

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter; and

(c) the details of action taken proposed thereon and the present status of extradition process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Upon receipt of the Report, it was examined by experts in the Government of India. Based on their recommendations, the Report was amended and promptly forwarded to the British Crown Prosecution Office, London through diplomatic channels.

(c) The British Crown Prosecution Counsel's Office after examination suggested some amendments in the light of certain provisions of the UK Extradition Act, 1989 and the Indo-UK Extradition Treaty, 1992 Besides ensuring that the extradition documents, suitably amended, are presented to the British court in time for hearing, the Indian government has conveyed to the British authorities the need for the case to be presented in the best possible, legal manner.

Setting up of Super Thermal Power Plants

170. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL :
SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of super thermal power plants established in the country so far;

(b) the location, capacity and total power generated in MW by each plant during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) whether the Government propose to expand some of these plants during 9th Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The term Super Thermal Power Plant has not been precisely defined. However, large stations of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) viz. those with an installed capacity of 1000 MW and above are often called Super Thermal Stations. NTPC has so far set up seven (7) Super Thermal Power Projects (STPP). The required details of these projects are as follows:—

	Name of Project, Location & Capacity	Power generation in MUs		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Singrauli STPP (2000 MW) U.P	14290	14983	15362
2.	Korba STPP (2100 MW) M.P.	13990	15397	15895
3.	Ramagundam STPP (2100 MW) A.P.	14496	14742	15674
4.	Vindhayachal STPP (1260 MW) M.P.	8646	9272	9273
5.	Rihand STPP (1000 MW) U.P.	6475	7621	6685
6.	Farakka STPP (1600 MW) W.B.	5402	6512	6392
7.	Talcher STPP (1000 MW) Orissa	4.5	701	929

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. During the Ninth Plan NTPC has proposed expansion of the following two Super Thermal Power Stations:—

Project, Location & Capacity	Capacity addition proposed in 9th Plan
Vindhyachal STPP St. II (MP) (2x500 MW)	1000
Talchar STPP St. II (Orissa) (4x500 MW)	500

Militant Activities

171. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan troops continued firing on Jammu and Kashmir border even after flag meetings of both sides;

(b) if so, whether the militants have increased their activities in Jammu and Kashmir and a number of innocent people are being killed by the militants every day; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the firing and also militant activities in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) A number of major and minor incidents of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops have been reported on the J&K international border and Line of Actual Control in 1997.

(b) Though reports of some militant groups supported from across the border continuing to indulge in terrorist activities are received by Government, it cannot, however, be said that militants have been able to increase their activities in the State. In statistical terms, the number of incidents and the number of killings of innocent civilians has come down and there is marked improvement in the overall situation.

(c) The steps taken by Government to check the militant activities in the State include sustained operations by the police and on the security forces, including intensive patrolling on the border/LOC, anti-terrorist operations, strengthening of the intelligence network and coordination of security arrangements among various agencies etc. Developmental needs of the State are being addressed. Efforts are being made by Government to ensure that peace and normalcy are restored at the earliest. Security forces are keeping strict vigil over the border to check the firing incidents. The steps taken to check firing in the border include increased/intensified patrolling, sanction of additional Bns to reduce the gaps between the BOPs, erection of OP towers, provision of equipments like Binoculars, Goggles, Twin telescopes etc. to the troops and gearing up of intelligence machinery.

Tainted Officials

172. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI MADAN PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Secretary has issued instructions to all Ministries/Departments to identify officers whose integrity is doubtful;

(b) if so, the details of the instructions and guidelines issued to identify tainted officials;

(c) whether the Government have appointed any Vigilance Commission to conduct enquiry into such cases of corruption; and

(d) if so, the investigations made by this Commission since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the guidelines are Confidential in nature, it is considered that making them public will not be helpful.

(c) No such vigilance Commission, as referred to in the Question to enquire such cases of corruption, has been appointed. However, the Central Vigilance Commission, set up by the Government in February, 1964, on the recommendation of the Committee on Prevention of Corruption (popularly called Santhanam Committee) under the Ministry of Home Affairs vide Resolution No. 27/4/64-AVD dated 11th February, 1964, has jurisdiction and powers to undertake or have an enquiry made into any transaction in which a public servant is suspected or alleged to have acted for an improper purpose or in a corrupt manner or into any complaint that a public servant had exercised or refrained from exercising his powers with an improper or corrupt motive or into any complaint of mis-conduct or lack of integrity or of any malpractice or misdemeanour on the part of a public servant.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above.